



Changing Channels



On **Wednesday October 15, 2008** the Michigan House of Representatives will be switching its video and audio broadcast formats from **Real Player** to **Windows Media Player**. For most users with Microsoft Windows based computers the new signal will automatically launch Windows Media Player. However, some users will find that they need a software upgrade to successfully receive House broadcasts.

Note: Please read all of the caution statements and installation directions that relate to any software that you install. It is always a good idea to backup your computer prior to performing any software installation. The Michigan House of Representatives is not responsible for problems that may arise from installing or using the software obtained from the following links.

Windows Users

For Windows XP users, the current version of Windows Media Player can be found here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/11/default.aspx>

Windows Vista users typically receive automatic updates through the Windows Update service and should already have the latest version of the Media Player.

Older versions of Windows (Windows ME, Windows 98, etc.) can find the most current compatible version* of Media Player here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/versions.aspx>

Mac Users

Mac users can find Windows Media Player 9 for Mac OS X here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/mac/mp9/default.aspx>

Mac OS X users also have the option of using Windows Media® Components for Quicktime, by Flip4Mac™ to play Windows Media Audio and Windows Media Video. It can be downloaded here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/wmcomponents.msp>

Mac users with operating systems older than OS X can download Media Player 7.1* here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/mac/mp71/default.aspx>

** The new video signal has not been tested with all combinations of older operating systems and their corresponding versions of Media Player. Even after installing the recommended version of Media Player, it is possible that it may not work as expected.*